

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6375, August 16, 1971]

AN ACT CREATING TONDO GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, DEFINING ITS PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Title.*—This Act shall be known as the Charter of the Tondo General Hospital and Medical Center.

SEC. 2. *Declaration of purpose and objectives.*—There is hereby created the Tondo General Hospital and Medical Center to be established and operated in and for the District of Tondo, City of Manila, the same to be organized as a corporation under the aforementioned name.

It shall be a non-profit public institution and its purpose being primarily to give free in-patient and out-patient medical care to as many residents of the District of Tondo, City of Manila, as possible. Its objectives shall Be:

- a. To provide residents of the District of Tondo medical care at no cost to them where warranted;
- b. To give these residents easy access to hospital facilities and hospital care, especially the poor and indigents among them;
To provide them with better facilities for domicilliary health and medical services.

SEC. 3. *The Hospital Board.*—To carry out the purpose and objectives enumerated in Section two of this Act, there is hereby created the governing board of the Tondo General Hospital and Medical Center which shall hereafter be known as the Hospital Board- It shall be composed of five members with the Budget Commissioner or his duly authorized representative and the President of the Tondo Medical Society as *ex-officio* chairman and vice chairman, respectively, and three members coming from the private sector. Two of these three members shall be physicians, one of whom shall at least be a medical specialist while the other a government recognized hospital administrator. The other member shall be a person of known probity in the community and is active in civic and community work.

The members of the Hospital Board shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines and shall receive no salary. They shall, however, receive a *per diem* of not exceeding one hundred pesos for every meeting of the Board actually attended: *Provided, however,* That the total amount of *per diem* for all the meetings of the Board in a single month shall not exceed five hundred pesos at a rate of not more than one hundred pesos *per diem* for every member of the Board. Members of the Hospital Board who are not officers of the Government shall serve for a term of four

years renewable for another term only.

The Board Secretary shall be appointed by the Chairman from the ranking members of the hospital staff.

SEC. 4. *Powers and ditties of the Hospital Board.*— Subject to existing laws, the Hospital Board, as the governing and policy-making body of the hospital, shall have such powers as are necessary to carry out the purpose and objectives enumerated in this Act, including the exercise of corporate powers. It shall perform the following functions and duties:

- a. To promulgate and prescribe the rules and regulations for the administration of the affairs of the hospital.
- b. To study, propose and approve plans for the improvement of the services of the hospital.
- c. To propose, study and approve or, amend or revise the organizational structure of the hospital, both medical and administrative, in order to meet the exigencies o the service, subject to existing laws and regulations of the matter and consonant with the principles of sound hospital administration.
- d. To consider and approve appointments and promotions of all staff personnel, medical and administrative, and other employees upon the recommendation of the Hospital Director.
- e. To investigate all cases of anomalies, negligence or misconduct of all hospital personnel including the Hospital Director. It shall have the final authority to pass upon the removal, separation, and suspension of such personnel subject to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.
- f. To make an internal audit once a year of the business operation of the hospital.
- g. To receive in trust, legacies, gifts, land grants and donations of real and personal property of all kinds, tax free, and to administer the same for the benefit of the hospital or a department or service thereof. Foreign and domestic donors of legacies, gifts, grants and donations under this section shall be exempt from any tax of whatever kind and nature to the extent of the full amount donated, provisions of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding.
- h. To consider and approve the budget prepared by the hospital administration for submission to the Congress of the Philippines through the Budget Commissioner.

SEC. 5. *Meeting of the board; quorum.*—The Hospital Board shall meet regularly once a month at the Tondo General Hospital and Medical Center on a regular date fixed for the purpose. Special meetings may be called often as necessary, subject to paragraph two of Section three hereof. A majority of the members shall constitute a *quorum*. All decisions of the Board must be by majority of the members present.

SEC. 6. *Board Chairman, vice-chairman and board secretary.*—The Chairman shall call and preside over all meetings of the Board. He shall sign all papers for the Board and shall certify to all its transactions.

The Vice-Chairman shall act as Chairman and perform all duties and exercise all powers attached thereto when the Chairman is sick or otherwise incapacitated.

The Board Secretary shall keep the records of the proceedings and transactions of